

**ARIZONA TEACHER EXCELLENCE PROGRAM COORDINATION COUNCIL  
MEETING**

Thursday, January 20, 2005  
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Executive Tower  
1700 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
1st Floor Conference Room

**Members Present:**

Becky Hill, Policy Advisor for Education, Governor's Office  
Kathy Wiebke, Deputy Associate Superintendent for Highly Qualified Professionals,  
Arizona Department of Education  
Janice Palmer, Director of Governmental Relations, Arizona School Boards Association  
DeAnna Rowe, Director of Academic Affairs, Arizona State Board for Charter Schools  
John Wright, President, Arizona Education Association

**Members Absent:**

Patty Horn, Arizona K-12 Center  
Denis Viri, ASU Center for Indian Education

**Staff Present:**

Cassandra A. Larsen, AzTEP Project Director  
Wendy Greyeyes, AzTEP Program Administrator, Governor's Office  
Judy Rea, Education Program Specialist, Arizona Department of Education  
Amanda Wright, Administrative Assistant, Arizona Department of Education

**Others present:**

Dr. Rick Vanosdall, Arizona K-12 Center  
Mark Brandt, Arizona Business and Education Council, State Farm Insurance  
Larry Schurz, Special Assistant, Salt River Indian Education Program  
Juana Jose, Indian Education Program Coordinator, Arizona Department of Education  
Sheila Murphy, President, Sheila Murphy Associates  
Jane Dowling, Associate, Sheila Murphy Associates  
Marnie Hodahkwen, Policy Advisor for Tribal Affairs, Governor's Office

Members were introduced.

Sheila Murphy and Associates were introduced as the outside evaluators for the AzTEP grant. Dr. Sheila Murphy and Dr. Jane Dowling gave a brief overview of their scope of work for the project and their reporting deadlines. A sample of a survey to be used to collect baseline data was provided to the members.

Becky Hill presented information on the Governor's Master Teacher Program that falls in line with the goals of the AzTEP grant. The presentation was to discuss whether the Council would consider adding this program as an additional prescribed program for grantees.

Becky also stated that the Master Teacher Program aligns with National Board Certification which was presented by Kathy Wiebke.

Since these programs align so well with one another, discussion ensued as to whether both could be prescribed in the grant since there will be additional funding available in this second year. There was a question as to whether charter schools would be able to participate since there was an understanding that only certified teachers were permitted to participate in National Board Certification. Until there is a confirmed answer, the Master Teacher Program and National Board Certification will go into this grant application as optional items in the budget.

Judy Rea & Amanda Wright provided a presentation regarding their visit to Chinle School District on the Navajo Reservation. They highlighted the progress of the Professional Development Leadership (PDLA) portion of the grant.

There was some discussion on changes to the RFP scheduled to be posted in February on the Arizona Department of Education grants website. It was decided by the Council to continue to permit Enterprise Community schools to apply in year two since it was part of the original grant application. It was suggested that better clarification needs to be done on the PDLA and ASSET programs in the RFP. The 50% match required of each school will continue to be part of the application.

The pre-application conferences need to do a better job of discussing the prescribed and optional programs in detail to 50% match and engaging them in the discussion of how to find either services in their communities, State money or supplemental in-kind services.

The Council members were requested to volunteer to evaluate the grant applications. Anyone interested should contact Wendy Greyeyes. DeAnna Rowe volunteered and Dennis Viri had expressed an interest.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: 